NIPSCO PROPERTY
Columbia City, Whitley County, IN
Revised December 22, 1999

Site Location and Description
This property is located at 119 W. Market Street in Columbia City.

Zip Code: 46725

Site Uses and Past Activities
None specified.

Contaminants and Impacts
The presence of an underground storage tank (UST) was first suspected on the basis of a Phase I environmental site assessment performed in May 1995. The UST was subsequently removed in coordination with sidewalk improvements being conducted by the City of Columbia City in July 1996. When the UST was removed, most contaminated soil was excavated and disposed of at a permitted landfill facility. Two of the soil borings sampled at the property exceeded the Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) 100 ppm limit established by IDEM's Underground Storage Tank Program. Soil samples met the Voluntary Remediation Program non-residential clean up levels for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene. All groundwater samples were below the Maximum Contaminant Levels for drinking water.

Lead Agency
IDEM.

Community Concerns
None specified.

Actions Taken
IDEM issued a Site Status Letter (No Further Action Letter) in July 1998 for this site. The letter addressed liability issues and should assist Columbia City with responsible brownfields redevelopment.

Current Status

Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Office of Land Quality

IDEM does not plan to take any further action at the property unless and until the conditions at the property should change or IDEM later discovers the reports were inaccurate concerning the potential contamination at the property. Columbia City and other stakeholders should proceed with redevelopment.

Future Actions
No further IDEM actions are planned at this time.

Cost Estimates
Site Status Letters are provided at no cost to the recipient.

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